



Organic Advisory Council Meets July 23

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Organic Advisory Council’s next quarterly meeting will be Monday, July 23 in Dodgeville. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) invites those interested to attend the meeting and participate in an afternoon tour.

The meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m. at the Iowa County Courthouse, 222 N. Iowa Street, Dodgeville. Agenda items will include introduction of the new Council members, review of the 2012 Council priorities and reports from government agencies. New business will include discussion of the impact of the current drought conditions on organic yields and prices.

Following lunch, there will be a conversation about the Organic Farming Research Foundation with Deidre Birmingham, a member of the Foundation’s board and a local organic orchardist. At 1:30, the Council will arrive at Birmingham’s farm, The Cider Farm near Mineral Point, for a tour.

At its quarterly meeting in March, the Council discussed its priorities for 2012 including the 2012 Farm Bill, genetically modified organisms and food safety laws. The mission of the 12-member Organic Advisory Council is to advise government leaders on critical organic issues and support organic production, processing and purchasing opportunities for Wisconsin farmers, processors and consumers.

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